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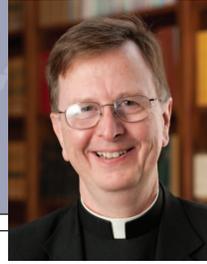
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Celebrating
OUR NEW PRIESTS



V. Rev. Robert Hussey, SJ
Provincial of Maryland



V. Rev. Myles Sheehan, SJ
Provincial of New England



V. Rev. John Cecero, SJ
Provincial of New York

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On August 7, 2014, the 200th anniversary of the restoration of the Society of Jesus was commemorated. The Jesuit community offers this novena prayer in thanksgiving for God's mercy and faithful love to our least Society:

Novena Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord, who choose the weak and make them strong, raise the fallen, heal the wounded and gather the dispersed back to you. Renew us with the Spirit who moved St. Ignatius and his companions to serve your Son under the standard of the Cross. Grant us the courage to reach out to our forgotten brothers and sisters; the generosity to open our doors to those who seek you, and the wisdom to sow seeds of your Kingdom in the hearts of all we meet, for the greater glory of your Name, as we pray...

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. You have given all to me. To You, O Lord, I return it. All is Yours, dispose of it wholly according to Your will. Give me Your love and Your grace, for this is sufficient for me.

Dear Friends,

This issue of *JESUITS* magazine features two new names and photos on this page. As this publication went to press, Jesuit Fathers John Cecero and Robert Hussey began serving as provincials of the New York and Maryland Provinces respectively. We are grateful to Fathers David Ciancimino, SJ, and James Shea, SJ, for their service. I served as provincial for five years with Dave and Jim and I know that I express the appreciation of many for their hard work, care for our men, and dedication to the Society of Jesus.

Fathers Cecero and Hussey are among five new provincials in the United States who take office this summer. These appointments by Father General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, in addition to that of Father Timothy Kesicki, SJ, as the new president of the Jesuit Conference, will increase coordination among the US provinces. The ongoing collaborative process of creating four provinces in the United States responds to changing Jesuit demographics and apostolic needs, and we are eager to embrace the new opportunities ahead. Indeed, the English and French Canada provincials now attend the meetings of the Jesuit Conference and we look forward to a conference that will be international.

We welcome our newly ordained priests and highlight Jesuits and lay colleagues who are collaborating in ministries of education, pastoral care and service to those in the Deaf community. We trust that these stories will strengthen our union of hearts and minds as companions. I encourage you also to look at our new website for vocations, which provides a dynamic introduction for those seeking information about becoming a Jesuit brother or priest (www.jesuitvocations.org).

We thank you for working with us as we move toward our new province on the East Coast in the coming years. We greatly appreciate your partnership in our shared ministries, your support of our men in formation, and your help in providing for our elderly and infirm Jesuits. Thank you so much for all you do with us and for us. Know that we remember you in our prayers and count on your continued prayerful support.

Sincerely in the Lord,

V. Rev. Myles N. Sheehan, SJ
Provincial of New England Province

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Jesuit Fathers Samuel Sawyer, Mario Powell and Thomas Simisky greeted those gathered outside of the Fordham University Church following their ordination on June 14.

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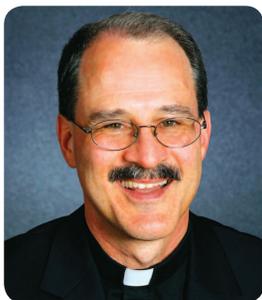
New President of Georgetown Prep

Fr. Scott Pilarz, SJ, was named president of Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda, Md., effective July 1. Fr. Pilarz has served as president of the University of Scranton and Marquette University and is a trustee of Saint Joseph's University. He has served on the boards of many secondary schools including Georgetown Prep, and was a professor of English at Georgetown University and Saint Joseph's University. A graduate of Georgetown University, Fr. Pilarz holds a Ph.D. in English from the City University of New York, a master's degree in philosophy from Fordham University and a Master of Divinity degree from Weston Jesuit School of Theology (now Boston College School of Theology and Ministry).



New President Named for McQuaid Jesuit

McQuaid Jesuit, in Rochester, announced the appointment of **Fr. Robert Reiser, SJ**, as its 13th president, effective July 1. Fr. Reiser entered the Society of Jesus in 1986 and was ordained in 1997. He served as assistant to the president at McQuaid from 2004-2006; he then began a seven-year tenure as president of Saint Peter's Preparatory School. In 2013, he returned to McQuaid as a member of the school faculty. A graduate of Canisius High School and Canisius College, Fr. Reiser holds master's degrees from Harvard Divinity School, the University of Rochester, Fordham University and Weston Jesuit School of Theology (now Boston College School of Theology and Ministry).



Provincial Assistant for Higher Education Named

Fr. James Miracky, SJ, was appointed assistant to the provincial for higher education for the New England and New York Provinces. Fr. Miracky will assist in representing the provincial's office to the province's higher educational institutions and in maintaining communication and cooperation among these works. He will also work with counterparts in Maryland with a view toward the planned unification of the provinces. Fr. Miracky most recently served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Loyola University Maryland. Previously, he was dean of faculty development and professor of English literature at the College of the Holy Cross. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1977 and was ordained in 1988.

2014 Holstein Award for Social Justice



Fr. James Connor, SJ, was honored by the Ignatian Solidarity Network this spring and presented with the *Robert M. Holstein: Faith that Does Justice Award* at a Mass and reception at Georgetown University.

Throughout his life, working in a variety of Jesuit ministries, Fr. Connor has found ways to live in solidarity with the poor. From teaching at Gonzaga College High School and Loyola University Maryland to serving as provincial of the Maryland Province, president of the Jesuit Conference, director of the Woodstock Theological Center and pastor of Holy Trinity parish, Fr. Connor has been a leader for faith and justice, and encourages those around him to be a companion with the most vulnerable among us. "Solidarity with the poor is a great life experience," reflected Fr. Connor. "These people have had a much greater influence on me than I could ever have on them."

Fr. Connor is currently a Jesuit-in-Residence at the Sellinger School of Business at Loyola University Maryland and a teacher for the Jesuit Masters Program; he also collaborates on Magis and Ignatian Leadership for Mission retreats at The Jesuit Collaborative.



On the left, Chris Collins, board chair, and, on the right, Alex Zequeira, president, present Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, with the Nativity School of Worcester's *Fr. William Campbell, SJ, Magis Award*.

Honors for Fr. Myles Sheehan

This past spring, Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, provincial of the New England Province, received two awards honoring his years of service as a physician and a priest. On May 16, Thayer Academy in Braintree, Mass., honored Fr. Sheehan, a 1974 graduate, with the *Humanitarian Award* at the school's 2014 reunion celebration. The award recognized Fr. Sheehan's "many years of commitment to mankind's physical and spiritual needs."

On April 11, Nativity School of Worcester honored Fr. Sheehan with the *Fr. William Campbell, SJ, Magis Award* at the 9th Annual Spring Auction Night. The award acknowledged Fr. Sheehan's commitment to the school's mission of providing a quality, all-scholarship education to underserved boys based on the four pillars of strength, scholarship, character, and service.

Second Annual *Runners for Others: An Ignatian 5K* in Baltimore



The second annual *Runners for Others: An Ignatian 5K* run took place on a brisk Saturday morning in April at historic Patterson Park in the heart of Baltimore. At the starting line for nearly 200 runners, Jesuit scholastic Vinny Marchionni, a teacher at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, blessed the runners and thanked God for gathering the community together and prayed that "the faith, hope and love of those gathered brings about God's reign of justice in Baltimore." Fr. Bill Watters, SJ, pastor of St. Ignatius Church, presented medals to the top finishers in each age category, commenting that, "It is an outstanding event that brings so many wonderful people from each of the Jesuit ministries together and indicates a growing desire to work together as an Ignatian family."

Chip Cooke, the lead race organizer, commented that, "Men and women for others in Baltimore have become runners for others. This was a great chance for lay colleagues and Jesuits to promote Ignatian identity and mission."

The event was fun and spirited and would not have been possible without Jesuit leaders like Fr. James Shea, SJ, Maryland provincial, and others who are committed to this initiative."

In addition to the Maryland Province Jesuits, participating organizations included Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Ignatian Volunteer Corps, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Loyola Blakefield, Loyola University Maryland, St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Church, St. Ignatius Loyola Academy and St. Ignatius Church. Funds raised from the run were contributed to the participating apostolates.

For more information, visit www.mdsj.org/5K.



Registration is still open for the 2014
Friends of the Jesuits Golf Outing!

September 29, 2014

Meadow Brook Club, Jericho, N.Y.

www.nysj.org

THANKING

Our Jesuit Provincials



Fr. James Shea, SJ, and Fr. David Ciancimino, SJ

On July 31, Jesuit Fathers David Ciancimino and James Shea completed their service as provincials of the New York and Maryland Provinces, respectively.

The leadership of both provincials provided tremendous foresight and wisdom in planning for the future realignment of national Jesuit provinces, including the unification of the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces.

As a former school administrator at Xavier High School and Canisius High School, Fr. Ciancimino strengthened the province's commitment to educational works in the New York area and in Micronesia. At the request of Bishop Amando Samo of the Caroline Islands Diocese, Yap Catholic High School was established in 2011. Today, that school exists as a vibrant community staffed by Jesuits and volunteers who

are changing the lives of young people on Yap.

In anticipation of the increasing numbers of Jesuits in need of long-term medical care, Fr. Ciancimino improved the operations of Murray-Weigel Hall, the Jesuit health care community in the Bronx, introducing the PACE (Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) model for delivery of long-term home health care. PACE services allow the professional staff at Murray-Weigel to adapt to the changing needs of the Jesuits and enable the facility to operate in a manner that is fiscally responsible and sustainable for the future.

Fr. Tom Slon, SJ, who worked closely with Fr. Ciancimino in the last six years as his socius and executive assistant, said, "During his term as provincial, Fr. Ciancimino saw to the province with superb administrative ability. But he also had a marvelous way of drawing out of so many Jesuits in the province our best desires for mission, to leave at times the good work we are already doing and to go where the need is greater. I think Dave was able to gently but directly remind many of us of what the Society is about. And that is 'mission,' to go outside the comfort zone and discover that the Lord invites us there, too, and labors with us."

Fr. Shea brought years of pastoral experience to his job as Maryland provincial, having served in hospital chaplaincy, pastoral counseling, parish leadership, and in the clinical pastoral education of future religious and lay Church leaders. Fr. Shea took a special interest in the care of the aging men of the province and in addressing the province's health care needs.

Fr. Shea recruited the leadership of Jesuits and lay colleagues for an ambitious fundraising project for a

new assisted living community. In collaboration with a designated health care administration team, Fr. Shea saw the building of the new community to completion. Opened in the fall of 2011, St. Claude la Colombiere Residence, an award-winning green building, provides care to 38 Jesuits.

John and Mary Lynch have kept in touch with Fr. Shea over the years, having known him since his days at Georgetown Hospital and Holy Trinity Church. Mary commented, "I remember the day we found out he would leave the parish to be provincial of the Maryland Province. Of course, we were disappointed that he would be leaving, but we also knew that his leadership skills and pastoral gifts would benefit others, just as they had the communities of Georgetown Hospital and Holy Trinity. Wherever Fr. Shea goes he will continue to be a man for others."

Under the leadership of Frs. Ciancimino and Shea, as well as Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, who is serving as provincial of the New England Province until 2015, a number of new initiatives also emerged. Jesuits from the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces currently staff the Ignatius House Retreat Center in Atlanta, Ga., and, at the request of the Archbishop of Atlanta, the provincials established the newly opened Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School.

In December 2013, Father Adolfo Nicolás, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, announced that Fr. John Cecero, SJ, would serve as the next New York Province provincial and that Fr. Robert Hussey, SJ, would serve as the next Maryland Province provincial. Fr. Cecero will also serve as provincial for the new province that will form when the New England and New York Provinces unite in 2015.

Movements OF THE SPIRIT



Vicenza Day participants served alongside Jesuits at the Xavier Society for the Blind.

Men discerning a vocation to the Society of Jesus can share three cornerstones of Jesuit life—prayer, service and community—during a service and prayer experience known as a “Vicenza Day.”

A number of Vicenza Days have been hosted by Jesuit communities in New York City, with plans for further expansion throughout the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces.

At the first event, hosted by the America House Jesuit Community, morning prayer was followed by a subway ride to the Bronx, where candidates worked beside Jesuits to sort and relocate items at a thrift store that was preparing to close.

“Many people see Jesuits working individually, as professor, retreat leader or service leader. But they don’t get a sense of how we function with one another in community,” said Fr. Chuck Frederico, SJ, vocation director. “Discernment is about vulnerability – allowing oneself to be vulnerable to

the movements of the Spirit. When a young man encounters Jesuits working together on a service project, he can see how we are vulnerable and gain a sense of how we care for one another. This reflects back to the candidate and can reveal insights into his own desires and spiritual calling.

“All of us were touched by the experience of serving the poor, enriched by the interactions with the people there and moved by the generosity of the Spirit,” wrote one candidate. “We were made keenly aware of the poverty in our own city and the continued possibilities for Jesuits to get more involved.”

Vicenza Day takes its name from the town in Italy where St. Ignatius and his first companions anticipated their

travel to Jerusalem. While waiting there, these companions invited others to serve the poor. Their time in Vicenza galvanized their commitment to a deepened service of God and the Church.

Each Vicenza Day ends with a simple lunch and Mass, followed by a community faith-sharing session; the event is an innovative new model for vocation promotion that has proven to be meaningful for both Jesuits and candidates alike.

“It was truly a consolation to be a part of Vicenza Day,” said Fr. Joseph Parkes, SJ. “The experience shines light on how the Society began. Ignatius and the first Jesuits were friends who worked together, ate together and worshipped together, and I could see that happening with these young men. It makes one grateful for the vocation we have and grateful for the interest that we see in these young men.”

More
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Vicenza Day events are currently expanding to other areas along the East Coast. For more information, visit www.jesuitvocations.org

Celebrating Our New Priests



Front row, from left: Jesuit Fathers Thomas Simisky, Mario Powell, Samuel Sawyer.
Back row, from left: Fr. James Shea, SJ, Bishop Matthew Clark, Fr. David Ciancimino, SJ, Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ

Family, friends and brother Jesuits gathered on June 14 for the ordination to the priesthood of Jesuits Mario Powell, Samuel Sawyer and Thomas Simisky at the Fordham University Church in the Bronx. Bishop Matthew Clark, bishop emeritus of Rochester, was the ordaining prelate.

Across the country, 19 Jesuits were ordained over the summer. Fr. Thomas Smolich, SJ, president of the Jesuit Conference, said, “This is a wonderful time for the Society of Jesus, for the family and friends of those ordained and, most of all, for the Church. These 19 men have chosen to devote their lives to service, and to witness

that commitment in the ordination is humbling. As they begin their priestly ministry, we will continue to keep them in our prayers.”

Following ordination, Fr. Simisky will serve on the staff of Fairfield College Preparatory School in Conn.; Fr. Powell will serve at the Church of St. Charles Borromeo in Harlem, N.Y., then return to Boston College School of Theology and Ministry (BCSTM) to complete a graduate degree in theology this fall; and Fr. Sawyer will continue graduate studies at BCSTM before heading to Washington, D.C. to serve at Holy Trinity Parish.

“Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.”

— From *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation



From bottom left: Fr. Samuel Sawyer, SJ, blesses Jackie Perez, assistant for health care, New York Province; Fr. Thomas Simisky, SJ, gives communion to his mother; Fr. Mario Powell, SJ, blesses his mother; John Peck, SJ, leads the procession into the church; Jesuits gather to applaud the newly ordained priests.

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Read more about our new priests at:
<http://news.sjnen.org/2014/06/jesuits-ordained-priests/>

MILESTONES *in Jesuit Education*

Regis High School and Georgetown Preparatory School are marking milestone anniversaries this year, celebrating the ways that these two impressive Jesuit institutions have shaped the lives of young men in New York City and the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.



Fr. Philip Judge, SJ, president, Peter Labbat, chairman of the board of trustees and Arthur Minson, Jr., chairman of Centennial Gala Committee joined twelve Regis students on the New York Stock Exchange platform to ring in the school centennial year.



Regis students and Fr. Anthony Andreassi, C.O., recreate an historic photo taken in 1964.

The year 2014 marks the centennial anniversary of Regis High School, the tuition-free Jesuit school that was founded in 1914 by an anonymous benefactor, and supported by her family, friends and alumni.

Anniversary celebrations highlighted Regis's connection to New York City and included ringing in the celebratory year at the New York Stock Exchange, walking up Fifth Avenue in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade and presenting the history of Regis at two sold-out events. The events will culminate with the Centennial Gala at the Waldorf-Astoria on October 25, followed by a Centennial Mass at Saint Ignatius Loyola Church celebrated by His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan.

Reflecting on the year-long centennial celebration schedule, Fr. Philip Judge, SJ, president of Regis High School, said, "From the Stock Exchange to the St. Patrick's Day Parade, all on our way to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel for our centennial Gala in October—Regis is truly having a ball celebrating its centennial all around town."

On April 10, the 100th calendar day of the school's 100th year, Regis "turned back the clock" to 1964 with a school-wide transformation that gave students and staff a vivid glimpse into the past. Teachers wore faculty robes or habits for the day, with students attending Mass celebrated in Latin. The design of the school website was remodeled to reflect the styles of the day and featured news about the New York World's Fair and other events of the time.

"In doing all this, I believe that we are actually doing something with some spiritual significance," Fr. Anthony Andreassi, C.O., Regis faculty member and author of *Teach Me to Be Generous: A History of Regis High School*, said that day during morning assembly. "Just as when we celebrate the Eucharist to remember and give thanks for the gift of Christ of himself to us, in remembering all that has gone on before us in the founding of Regis High School we cannot but also feel the need to give thanks for those who have kept this vision alive."



◀ The Georgetown Prep football team of 1925 in front of Boland Hall
Students in the science lab during the 1939-40 academic year
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Georgetown Preparatory School, the oldest Catholic and Jesuit secondary school in the United States, commemorates its 225th anniversary this year. An array of events including an assembly, an alumni lecture series and a spring gala held along the banks of the Potomac—not far from where the academy was originally founded in Washington, D.C.—mark some of the ways the community is celebrating two and one quarter centuries of Jesuit education.

Inextricably linked with the beginning of a nation and the Catholic Church in the United States, Georgetown Academy, as it was originally known, was founded in 1789 by John Carroll, the first Roman Catholic bishop and archbishop in the United States, who envisioned the school as a means to strengthen the Catholic Church through priestly vocations and to educate future leaders of the new republic.

Dr. Stephen Ochs, a longtime history teacher at Prep and author of *Academy on the Patowmack: Georgetown Preparatory School 1789 – 1927*,

regularly “weaves those nuggets of school history with U.S. history” and explained that the original Academy included both a preparatory school and a college with a fence dividing the college yard that separated the “small boys” from the “larger boys.” A clear distinction between the two schools did not emerge until the late 1890s when Georgetown sought accreditation as a university. By 1919, Georgetown Prep was relocated to the “country” on more than 90 acres of land along Rockville Pike, where it stands today.

Dr. Ochs describes the “sense of pride, gratitude and purpose that permeates the community.” At the anniversary kick-off assembly, the unveiling of a video featuring generations of alumni reflecting on the transformative experience of their Jesuit education, validated the continuity of its mission in the service of faith and the promotion of justice.

Fr. Scott Pilarz, SJ, the president of Prep, commented that, “The Jesuit mission to form men for others has truly shaped the course of students’ lives. This anniversary is more than Georgetown Prep’s anniversary—it is a milestone for



Aerial photo of MacKavanagh Hall

Jesuit education in the United States. The community is proud of its rich heritage and cherishes that part of the school’s legacy. We’re envisioning a speaker series with alumni from a variety of professions and want to make sure that students are central to the celebration.” Fr. Pilarz, who began his term in July, went on to say, “The ability to engage the academic and religious needs of students has stood the test of time. There is an awareness of how Jesuit education is alive and responding to the changing times. Together with the board of trustees, we continue to be dedicated to the excellence of Georgetown Prep and committed to making Prep accessible to future generations.”

Jesuit Preservation of Deaf Catholic History

by Marlana Portolano



▲ Fr. Joseph Bruce, SJ, the first American Deaf Jesuit, and Fr. Paul Fletcher, SJ, the first British Deaf Jesuit, at the International Catholic Deaf Association (ICDA) conference at Gallaudet University

Deaf ministry, Catholic schools for Deaf children, communities of Deaf Catholics, sign language for religious purposes, and religious vocations among the Deaf. It is the largest archive of historical documents related to the Deaf Catholic community in the U.S., and browsing through its holdings is to wander into a neglected part of Church history.

Because of their shared language and culture, the Deaf resemble an ethnic group, but one that was often left out of Catholic education and the sacraments in parishes, where spoken language was the only mode of communication.

The history of Deaf Catholics in America dates back to 1837, when the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Louis, Mo., established the first Catholic school for the Deaf in America. In 1881, Jesuit ministry to the Deaf began in the U.S. with the work of Fr. Michael Costin, SJ, at St. Francis Xavier Church in New York City. Soon after that, Deaf Catholics began to connect and help each other through newsletters and local clubs. Around 1900, John Donnelly, a Deaf man, started a national monthly periodical titled *The Catholic Deaf-Mute*, now preserved in the Deaf Catholic Archives.

Today, several parishes in the U.S. have Deaf Apostolates and offer Mass in American Sign Language (ASL) as an alternative to English, just as a Spanish or Korean language Mass might be offered. There are seven priests in North America who were born Deaf and who now regularly preach and celebrate

Many people are aware that being Deaf is not just a disability. Being Deaf means being part of a cultural group with its own language, arts, and history—and Catholics who are Deaf have an even greater history of their own. In the Deaf Catholic Archives, a special collection at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., Jesuits have been preserving the heroic story of the Deaf Catholic community in America.

The Deaf Catholic Archives contain more than 90 boxes of materials about

“Deaf” is capitalized when the word refers to the cultural group. Uncapitalized “deaf” refers to a physical condition.

Fr. Bruce and Fr. Fletcher with some of the born-deaf priests and deaf deacons at the ICDA conference

Front row, from left: Deacon Ralph Hinch (IL) and Deacon Patrick Graybill (NY).

Second row, from left: Fr. Paul Zirimenya (CA); Fr. Joseph Bruce, SJ, (RI); Fr. Paul Fletcher, SJ, (England); Fr. Cyril Axelrod, C.Ss.R. (England); Fr. Michael Depcik, O.S.F.S. (MI).

Third row, from left: Fr. Christopher Klusman (WI) and Fr. Min Seo Park (Korea)



Mass for Deaf congregations in ASL. One of these priests is the first Deaf Jesuit, Fr. Joseph Bruce, SJ, who has also played a major role in the Deaf Catholic Archives.

In 1974, Mary Garland, a Deaf woman, gave Fr. Bruce a box of old materials about Deaf Catholics she had been saving. As a seminarian, Fr. Bruce was inspired by the efforts of Deaf Catholics to unite and share their faith. At that time, he had never met another Deaf priest or seen a homily preached in sign language. The idea of a nationwide community of Deaf Catholics encouraged him to continue his vocation. In 1975, Fr. Bruce became the first archivist of the International Catholic Deaf Association, a network of parish-level associations in the U.S. and Canada; pastoral workers began to send him newsletters and other notable materials. After he was ordained in 1981, Fr. Bruce continued to collect materials on Deaf Catholics, and the growing collection was given to the College of the Holy Cross archives in 1990.

The collection contains some unique items—manuscripts and hundred-year-old newspapers for Deaf Catholics that might otherwise have become a lost chapter of Church history. Sign language for religious purposes is illustrated from its early days, including the first illustrated book on this subject by Fr. Daniel Higgins, C.Ss.R.

In 1976, while Fr. Bruce was visiting a convent with more than 50 Deaf sisters in Montreal, Sr. Elizabeth Kass (herself Deaf) gave Fr. Bruce a rare French book entitled *Un Miracle de la Foi* (or *A Miracle of Faith, A Deaf-Mute Becomes a Priest*) by Mme. Chaunac-

Lanzac (1930, Paris). This book is a biography of the first documented, born-deaf priest, Fr. Charles La Fonta, A.A. (1878-1927). The story contains many parallels with Deaf men who are called to the priesthood today, including lifelong struggles to perfect spoken language, overcome obstacles to seminary education, and minister to the Deaf in their native sign language.

Fr. Bruce brought the book back to Massachusetts, where he asked another Jesuit, French scholar Fr. Joseph Gautier, SJ, to translate it into English. As a scholar researching Deaf Catholic history, he recently received permission from Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, provincial of the New England Province, to edit and publish this translation with an introduction on the 20 Deaf vocations worldwide since Fr. La Fonta.

Many Deaf children simply go without catechism in their home parishes, ostensibly because of the cost of sign language interpreters, even today. But the consistent efforts of Deaf Catholics themselves have helped to overcome these barriers to full participation. Thanks to the work of Jesuits who have been preserving this unique and important Church history, the story of Deaf Catholics in America will continue to inspire and instruct those who are Deaf and those who would like to work with them and learn from their special gifts.



ASL sign for community

Marlana Portolano is associate professor of rhetoric at Towson University in Maryland. She is writing a book on the Church's Deaf priests and their work preaching in sign language.

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For further information on terminology describing Deaf individuals, please visit: www.gallaudet.edu

Living a Life of Service to God's People in Jamaica

By Dexter Van Zile



Fr. Rohan Tulloch, SJ, greets children at St. Anne's Church, in Jamaica.



Fr. Rohan Tulloch, SJ, with pastoral worker Sr. Beverley Lawton, FMS

In a classroom at Marcus Garvey School in West Kingston, Jamaica, three-year-old children play quietly with the caps of plastic soda bottles. They cheerfully greet Jesuit Father Rohan Tulloch as he steps into the room and speaks for a moment with their teachers.

The school operates under the jurisdiction of St. Anne's Church, a Jesuit-staffed parish located in nearby Hannah Town. In addition to overseeing a number of schools, the parish also supports the work of two pastoral workers who bring food, medicine, and the Eucharist to the sick and elderly in the parish.

St. Anne's and the schools it oversees are located in rough neighborhoods. Cement pillars surrounding St. Anne's are marked with bullet holes. "I have three bullet holes above my bed," Fr. Tulloch says.

Marcus Garvey is an oasis compared to many of the other schools in Jamaica, where students lack the notebooks and pens they need to do their work.

Schools that are able to obtain the basic materials needed to educate their children—like Marcus Garvey—are oftentimes ransacked and robbed by gangs living in nearby neighborhoods. To fend off theft and vandalism, the perimeter of Marcus Garvey is surrounded by a 10-foot wall topped by steel spikes and coils of barbed wire.

Images of a jet plane, a train, a bicycle, a station wagon and a space shuttle on the walls communicate to the children the world of possibility that is open to them if they learn to read. Also displayed is a picture of a black-skinned Madonna and baby Jesus.

"We want to show the children they are God's beloved," he says. "We want to show them what they have inside themselves, who they are and Whose they are."

Later, Fr. Tulloch drives back to St. Anne's, passing by an open field that used to be a city block of homes before it was destroyed by violence in 2010.

This is the ground where Fr. Tulloch

struggles to bring an experience of God's blessing into the lives of Jamaica's poor.

"I've given my life to God so that others might have life in Him," Fr. Tulloch says. "So my own vocation is one of liberation. I've encountered Christ and have been animated by that encounter to encourage others to have that encounter with God. Whatever I'm involved in, there has to be some rootedness in the Gospel and a movement from where one is to where one wants to be—a movement of the spirit. I can't change people's situation, but I can expose them to the spiritual tools that allow them to see God in that situation."

Fr. Tulloch became pastor at St. Anne's on June 21, 2011, after serving a year as associate pastor at the parish. It was his first assignment as a Jesuit priest. He is the first Jamaican-born pastor to serve at St. Anne's in its 119-year history. Serving as the father of his parish is a demanding role in Jamaica because fathers are often absent in the lives of their children.

Fr. Tulloch's own father died when he was young, but his mother was able to find another man to serve as his surrogate father who watched over him and provided him with guidance as a young man. He entered the Jesuit novitiate in Kingston, Jamaica in 2000. The seeds for this



St. Anne's Church

decision, he says, were planted while attending a Catholic high school and participating in a Christian service program.

"I wanted to live my life in service of the Gospel message, to set the world on fire with the love of God," he says.

As a Jesuit in Jamaica, Fr. Tulloch is part of the New England Province. He reports to the local superior and meets



Wall graffiti near St. Anne's Church

with the provincial of the New England Province who makes annual visitations to the country. Jesuits from the New England province have been serving in the Jamaica Region since the province was founded in 1926.

Fr. Tulloch struggles against the chaos surrounding him, one conversation at a time, encouraging, for example, young couples who come to his parish to get married and raise their children together. In the past four years, he has celebrated over 10 marriages as a priest, and has baptized over 100 children, most of them from single-parent homes.

He has also presided over funeral Masses for gang members who have died in gunfights. These funerals represent an opportunity for Fr. Tulloch to emphasize the presence of God's love amidst the ruins of their surroundings.

There is cause for hope. Some of the young people he has counseled have stood their ground in Jamaica, found work in their home country and have stayed close to their family. It's a tough choice, but one that Christ calls them to make.

"Ignatian spirituality gives us the strength to lean into the suffering of our neighbors," Fr. Tulloch says.

Dexter Van Zile is a member of St. Ignatius, a Jesuit Parish in Chestnut Hill, Mass., that supports the work of St. Anne's. He recently returned from the annual service trip to St. Anne's led by the pastor of St. Ignatius, Fr. Robert VerEecke, SJ.



Fr. Rohan Tulloch, SJ, and William Woody, SJ, at the newly renovated playground across from St. Anne's Church. Woody was missioned to Jamaica during his formation.

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—Fr. Rohan Tulloch, SJ

Community-based Ministry of the *Spiritual Exercises*

By Alice Poltorick



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Helping You Grow
Closer To God

Fr. Jim Conroy, SJ, is passionate about helping people deepen their relationship with God, and he brings his zeal for spiritual direction and the *Spiritual Exercises* to his role as executive director of The Jesuit Collaborative.

In 2006 the provincials of the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces helped launch The Jesuit Collaborative to promote and make more available the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus. Today, through a collaboration of the laity and religious men and women, The Jesuit Collaborative offers innovative programs of prayer and retreats in diverse settings and formats to meet people where they are in their spiritual lives and to help them draw closer to God.

The *Spiritual Exercises*—the great legacy St. Ignatius gave to his first companions—are as important today as they were during the time of Ignatius. Conroy and his colleagues are extending the experience of the *Spiritual Exercises*, traditionally made in a retreat house setting, to people where they are—in their parishes, school communities and even their homes.

“These different formats and settings demonstrate the flexibility of the *Spiritual Exercises*,” said Fr. Conroy. “Our staff may begin by presenting a series of introduc-



Fr. Damian Halligan, SJ, leads prayer during a Thursdays with Ignatius at an in-home gathering.

tory prayer programs—Thursdays with Ignatius and Meeting Christ in Prayer for example—which may prepare participants for longer programs. The variety of program offerings allows people to grow spiritually at their own pace and to see how the Lord is leading them. There are many forms of Ignatian prayer and retreats that people find useful and consoling. Some ultimately make the full *Exercises* as outlined by Ignatius.

“In designing our programs, we look for a hunger—a need—at a parish or community. We establish contact and build a relationship with a key person, the pastor or someone on staff, a director of religious education or an administrator at a school, who has had the experience of Ignatian prayer, who is prayerful and loves the people of the parish or community and wants to provide for a deeper prayer experience.

“We teach people to pray, starting with the Examen, during a day or evening of recollection. They might be interested next in experiencing a weekend of prayer or a 5-day directed retreat or perhaps an 8-week prayer experience during Lent, or a Retreat in Everyday Life offered over a 9-month period.

“In a school community, the mission is to educate students. A school may offer retreats for students. We can help by presenting spiritual programs to alumni and parents, as well as a board

of directors.

“We also offer training and formation for those interested in becoming spiritual directors. Some of our ongoing programs—Ignatian Conversations for Women, Ignatian Leadership for Mission (ILM) and MAGIS—are designed to work with the Jesuit provinces on the East coast to meet the needs of specific audiences. And we have programs for young adults, Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA), and for our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters.

“One of our challenges—and it’s a challenge of our Church—is how to support this work financially as more lay people take on responsibilities previously held by religious. With fewer religious and more laypeople involved, the Church, the people of God, needs to be responsible for caring and feeding those who are providing this ministry.”

Fr. Conroy talks about the graces he experiences as head administrator of The Jesuit Collaborative. “I’ve seen men and women grow in their relationship with God and that becomes a turning point for them—in their personal lives, their professional work and in their communities. As I’ve said before, as a spiritual director, I have a front row seat to the best show in town. And as an administrator, the best part of my job is working with our staff. God is blessing us with a fabulous staff.”

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— Fr. Jim Conroy, SJ



Fr. Jim Conroy, SJ, addresses friends at a reception following an Ignatian Advent reflection.

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Visit The Jesuit Collaborative website for programs, schedules of events and more: www.jesuitcollaborative.org. Watch for an article on Carlos Aedo, director for Hispanic ministry at The Jesuit Collaborative, in the next issue of *JESUITS* magazine.

Jubilee Celebrations



Twelve of the 24 jubilarians celebrating 50 years in the Society of Jesus stand in front of the Fordham University Church: Back row, from left: Frs. Richard Zanoni, David Hollenbach, James Spillane, Nicholas Rashford and John Shea. Middle row, from left: Frs. James Desjardins, Kenneth Boller, James Shea, Francis Gillespie and Thomas Feely. Front row, from left: Frs. Dennis McNally and Brendan Scott.

A blessing to the Church and the Society of Jesus, we are grateful to the Jesuits celebrating jubilees for their wholehearted response to God’s call to serve. The 96 priests and brothers celebrating jubilees this year from the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces have contributed to communities throughout the East Coast and have travelled the world serving a wide variety of apostolates on the frontiers of the Church in Brazil, Burma (now Myanmar), Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Jordan, Jamaica, Kenya, Korea, Lebanon, Micronesia, Nigeria, the Philippines, Russia and Thailand.

Three priests celebrating 75 years in the Society this year include Jesuit Fathers Daniel Berrigan, George Drury and Bernard Filmeyer.

Of the 24 brothers and priests celebrating their fiftieth year in the Society of Jesus, several Jesuits reflected on their greatest grace as a Jesuit:

“In all places I have lived as a Jesuit, whether in formation or in ministry, I have found colleagues, Jesuit and lay, who have been sources of energy and support in my years of service, of insight and challenge in my spiritual life, and of enjoyment and peace in my day-to-day life.”

– Fr. Benjamin Fiore, SJ, pastor of St. Michael’s Parish in Buffalo, N.Y.

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Photo by Phil Humnicky

A photo from Dahlgren Chapel, Georgetown University

“My experience of how Christ calls us to work together in the Church to advance the hope, dignity and common good of all people has been the central grace of my Jesuit life.”

– Fr. David Hollenbach, SJ, professor of theology, university chair and director of the Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Boston College

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“It is a real gift to share in God’s graces and the lives of His People.”

– Fr. Nicholas Rashford, SJ, president emeritus and professor in the Department of Management at Saint Joseph’s University

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“So, there is great joy and contentment in searching for God. It is a search for community and companionship through a life of prayerful service of the neighbor in the Society of Jesus.”

– Fr. Michael Proterra, SJ, parochial vicar at St. Raphael the Archangel Church in Raleigh, N.C.

75 YEARS IN THE SOCIETY

Fr. Daniel Berrigan, SJ
Fr. John Devane, SJ †
Fr. George Drury, SJ
Fr. Bernard Filmyer, SJ
Fr. Terrence Toland, SJ †

70 YEARS IN THE SOCIETY

Fr. Gerard Bell, SJ
Fr. Joseph Bennett, SJ
Fr. John Coll, SJ
Fr. Joseph Duffy, SJ
Fr. Robert Dullahan, SJ
Fr. William Lamm, SJ
Fr. John Mandile, SJ
Fr. Paul McCarthy, SJ
Fr. Bernard McIlhenny, SJ
Fr. Thomas Murphy, SJ
Fr. Eugene Rooney, SJ
Fr. Thomas Sheridan, SJ

60 YEARS IN THE SOCIETY

Fr. George Aschenbrenner, SJ
Fr. Clarence Burby, SJ
Fr. Kenneth Caufield, SJ †
Fr. Robert Collins, SJ
Fr. Michael Connolly, SJ
Fr. Vincent Cooke, SJ
Fr. Gerald Finnegan, SJ
Fr. Roger Haight, SJ
Br. James Lemon, SJ
Fr. Robert McCarty, SJ
Fr. Vincent McDonough, SJ
Fr. Paul Messer, SJ
Fr. John Ryan, SJ
Fr. Dominic Totaro, SJ
Fr. Francis Valentino, SJ
Fr. Neil Ver’Schneider, SJ
Fr. David White, SJ
Fr. Eugene Zimpfer, SJ

60 YEARS IN THE PRIESTHOOD

Fr. John Alexander, SJ †
Fr. Edgar Graham, SJ
Fr. Edward Jarvis, SJ
Fr. Frank MacEntee, SJ
Fr. Robert O’Brien, SJ †
Fr. Richard Rousseau, SJ
Fr. James Skehan, SJ

50 YEARS IN THE SOCIETY

Fr. Kenneth Boller, SJ
Fr. Joseph Burke, SJ
Br. Darrell Burns, SJ

Br. Ralph Cilia, SJ
Fr. Brian Daley, SJ
Fr. James Desjardins, SJ
Fr. James Dugan, SJ
Fr. Thomas Feely, SJ
Fr. Benjamin Fiore, SJ
Fr. Michael French, SJ
Fr. Francis Gillespie, SJ
Fr. David Hollenbach, SJ
Fr. Dennis Leder, SJ
Fr. J. Allan Loftus, SJ
Fr. Dennis McNally, SJ
Fr. Edward O’Donnell, SJ
Fr. Michael Proterra, SJ
Fr. Nicholas Rashford, SJ
Fr. Brendan Scott, SJ
Fr. John Shea, SJ
Fr. James Shea, SJ
Fr. John Spencer, SJ
Fr. James Spillane, SJ (Indonesia)
Fr. Richard Zannoni, SJ

50 YEARS IN THE PRIESTHOOD

Fr. Robert Curry, SJ
Fr. John Donahue, SJ
Fr. Michael Fahey, SJ
Fr. Robert Farrell, SJ
Fr. Robert Hanlon, SJ
Fr. Harry Hock, SJ
Fr. Vincent Lapomarda, SJ
Fr. Edward Lynch, SJ
Fr. James Malley, SJ
Fr. Martin McDermott, SJ
Fr. Thomas McGrath, SJ
Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, SJ
Fr. Louis Pascoe, SJ
Fr. Donald Plocke, SJ
Fr. John Replogle, SJ
Fr. James Salmon, SJ
Fr. Louis Soloman, SJ
Fr. Richard Timone, SJ †
Fr. Thomas Vallamattam, SJ

25 YEARS IN THE SOCIETY

Fr. Thomas Benz, SJ
Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ
Fr. Rocco Danzi, SJ
Fr. Robert Hussey, SJ
Fr. Timothy Stephens, SJ
Fr. Justin Whittington, SJ

25 YEARS IN THE PRIESTHOOD

Fr. Jeffrey Baerwald, SJ
Fr. John Cecero, SJ

† Deceased

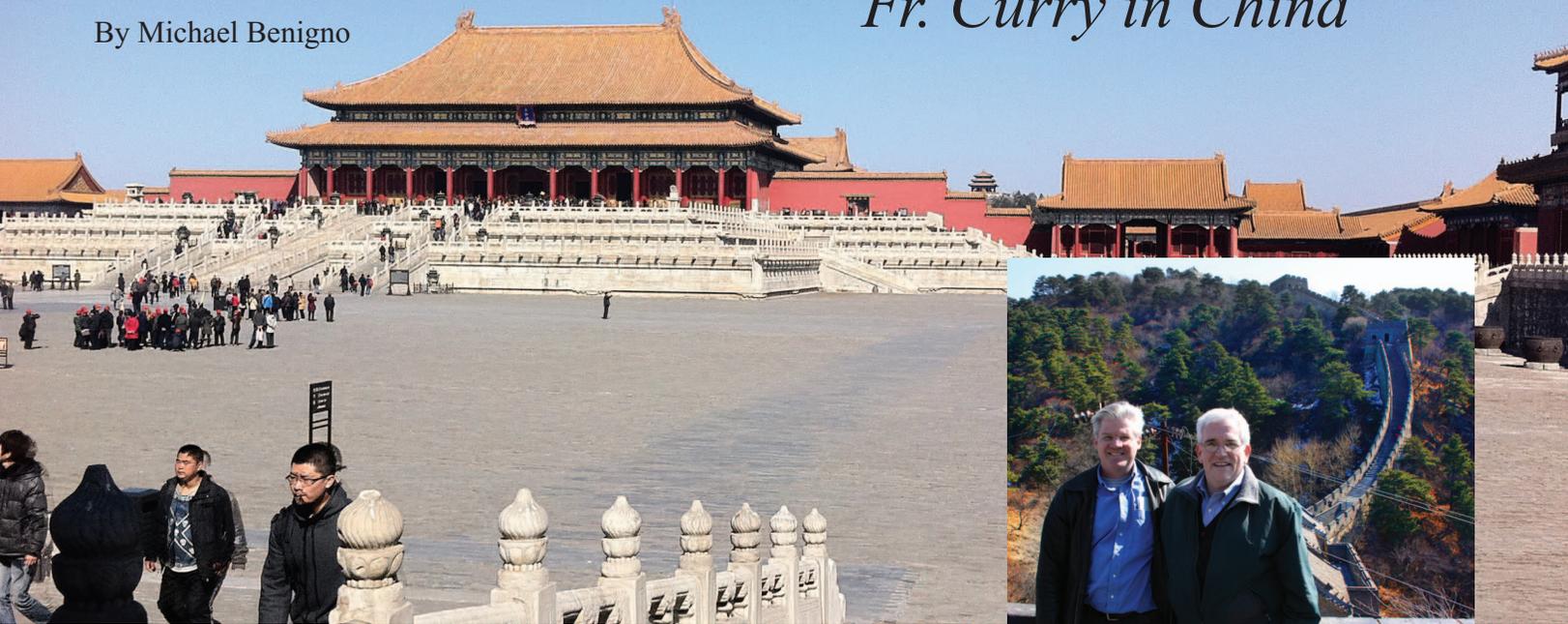
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Voluntary Vulnerability:

Fr. Curry in China

By Michael Benigno



Fr. Curry working with an architectural design student at Tsinghua University

Inset above: Fr. Curry poses at the Great Wall with Fr. David Ciancimino, SJ, then provincial, during Fr. Ciancimino's visit to China.

Fr. Terrence Curry, SJ, knows about the experience of being a foreigner.

It's the feeling of being powerless and being entirely outside of your comfort zone each day. It's occasionally encountering people who resent the fact you don't speak their language. It's having doubts about making friends and rarely being able to contact your family members.

It can also mean being surprised by acts of kindness and genuine affection and experiencing God's love in places far from home.

In 2008, when Fr. Curry was asked to work in China, he knew the experience would be an exercise in vulnerability. That was the idea—to develop a dependence on God and a deep sense of devotion by choosing to be vulnerable. Still, he was apprehensive.

Jesuits have been going to China for more than 400 years. These days, foreign Jesuits in China lead a complicated existence. Several serve as staff members at the Beijing Center for Chinese Studies (TBC), which hosts U.S. students and is

an academic institute in its own right. All are immersed in a culture entirely different than their own.

Though the free and open practice of religion is generally allowed in China, all priests who engage in public ministry must serve under the authority of a Communist Party approved bishop. Foreign Jesuits, in turn, can work in the country as long as they are respectful of this policy and recognize that they are invited guests in a foreign country.

Fr. Curry had previously spent many years in Hungary, where he founded the Szent Jozsef Studio Kollegium, a school that pairs architectural design students with community service organizations. Upon being assigned to China, he wrote to the deans of various Beijing universities, desiring to work directly with Chinese students, even though he did not speak Chinese. It was the same mission, he realized, that St. Ignatius wanted the early Jesuits to embrace: to find God in even the farthest places.

After some difficulty, he secured a

visiting professor position at Tsinghua University, one of China's most selective universities.

In the first few months, he encountered disconnection in every facet of life. His on-campus residence was far from the Jesuits living in community at the Beijing Center. At the university, lengthy meetings often went untranslated, and he felt isolated from his colleagues. He had to learn to say his Chinese name and navigate the ins and outs of a new workplace.

He invited his new coworkers out for a beer after work, but they all declined. Someone eventually suggested that it was more acceptable to invite a colleague to a meal. After that bit of advice, Fr. Curry offered to have lunch with his fellow professors instead, and they accepted.

"When you're living in a different culture, where everything is new, you're in a state of heightened awareness for extended periods of time, and that can be exhausting," Fr. Curry said.

culture, while all teachers are called *laoshi*, some students develop close relationships and choose their own *laoshi*. These are often life-long relationships," Fr. Curry said. "Confucius, like St. Ignatius, believed that the primary role of a teacher isn't simply to pass along information, but instead to form the whole person and engage that person from the heart."

After some time, several students began to address Fr. Curry as *laoshi*, and their friendships started bridging the cultural challenges he faced. They were engaged by his teaching, design theories and insistence that they discover ways to give back to their communities. They took a noticeable interest in his presence, his commitment, and paternal affection for them, and wondered about American customs and traditions as well.

One student invited Fr. Curry to accompany him on a visit to his family's home in a rural village 1,000 miles from Beijing. Fr. Curry

When Fr. David Ciancimino, SJ, (then New York provincial) visited Beijing three years into Fr. Curry's time there, Fr. Curry did his best to explain the role of the Jesuit provincial to his colleagues and planned a dinner to introduce Fr. Ciancimino to the university dean. He made a reservation at a nearby restaurant, but when he arrived the dean was already there and, in a gesture of generosity, the dean had ordered the food. "He had also invited five assistant deans and the school chairman. I was deeply touched by the gesture that my colleagues made to show my provincial that I was one of them, and that I was valued."

Just prior to his interview for this story, Fr. Curry had spent several hours visiting design students who were working late into the evening, making architectural models in the university workshop. He left the building, covered in sawdust, just as one of his students from Japan was leaving. The student said, "I've been meaning to have a chat with you" and spoke in detail about the research he was doing, and of the hardships of being far away from his friends, family and loved ones.

Fr. Curry sensed that student knew he could relate all too well.

"It is very hard for me to be here," Fr. Curry admits. "But, on the other hand, I am surrounded by good people, an ancient culture and an amazing place. The students are extraordinary, generous and kind. I depend on them for so many things. When you voluntarily put yourself in a position of dependency and powerlessness, and desire to encounter the fullness of God's love, the grace is extraordinary and God does not fail. As long as I keep my heart open, I will be continually touched by God's presence in China."

Fr. Terrence Curry, SJ, is currently the first and only non-Chinese, full-time architecture professor at Tsinghua University.



Jesuits have traveled to China for more than 400 years. Above, boats sit docked near a temple in Beijing.

Slowly, however, he realized he was learning some very important lessons – lessons on friendship and even truths about God's love.

Chinese students call their teachers *laoshi*. Since the time of Confucius the term has implied a deeply personal, paternal relationship. "In Chinese

accepted and made the trip; he was later told that he was the first non-Chinese person ever to spend a night in the village. Another student and the student's girlfriend informed Fr. Curry that they had already met with their family members, but wanted his permission before getting married.

Celebrating Hope in Micronesia

Matthew Lopez, nSJ, Fr. Marc Roselli, SJ, superior of the Jesuit Community of Chuuk, Fr. David Ciancimino, SJ, then provincial of the New York Province, and Fr. Richard McAuliff, SJ, director of Xavier High School (Chuuk), with two scholastics in regency, Thomas Awangga Budiono Surya, SJ, and Immanuel Anggun Sugioyono Eko, SJ, outside the Xavier chapel



Fr. David Ciancimino, SJ, nearing the end of his term as provincial of the New York Province, completed two trips to Micronesia this year to visit Jesuits, volunteers, students and parishioners at apostolates on Pohnpei, Chuuk, Guam, Yap and Palau. As a Jesuit community of the New York Province, members of the Society serving in Micronesia provide pastoral support at local parishes and a hospital, and have founded two high schools on the islands.

Yap Catholic High School and Xavier High School are flourishing oases of educational and spiritual enrichment where students are provided with resources they do not have elsewhere, including access to the Internet and teachers who challenge young people to deepen their faith.

This year, Yap Catholic High School, the only Catholic High School on the island of Yap, graduated its first class of seniors, and each senior was accepted to at least one four-year college or university in the U.S. Domclancy Tiliwebug, Class of 2014 valedictorian, was the recipient of the highly selective Gates Millennium Scholarship, a four-year scholarship for student leaders who excel in academics, service work and extracurricular activities.

Fr. Michael Corcoran, SJ, principal of Yap Catholic High School, reported that construction of the school's science lab and computer center has been completed, with work on a shared space for assemblies and other activities progressing. Student volunteers have also started clearing a section of land to make way for a new chapel to be located on a quiet, wooded section of campus.

Xavier High School recently renovated its student dormitory and locker areas and continues to find new ways to better serve students on the island of Chuuk. In order to provide vital repairs to the main road leading to the school, Xavier alumni are working to match donations made to the New York Province up to \$50,000.

"The people of Micronesia, and, particularly, the students there, are wonderfully faith-filled and incredibly hard-working," said Fr. Ciancimino. "They are deeply grateful for the spiritual, emotional and educational support that Jesuits and our partners in ministry provide so well and with so much grace in that region."



Yap Catholic High School graduates celebrate YCHS's first commencement ceremony.

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For more information on the high schools in Micronesia that were founded by the Jesuits, visit xaviermicronesia.org or ychs.net.

Jesuits in Jordan Welcome *Pope Francis*

Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, provincial of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus, was delighted when his annual visit to the Jesuits who work at the Jesuit Center in Amman, Jordan, and in Beirut, Lebanon, coincided with the Papal visit to the Holy Land. On May 24, Fr. Sheehan and the Jesuits from the Jesuit Center celebrated the Mass with Pope Francis at the Amman International Stadium. The Mass was also attended by pilgrims from the United States who were traveling with Gabriele Delmonaco, vice president of advancement for the New England and New York Provinces, on a trip through the Holy

Land led by Fr. Michael Linden, SJ, superior of the Jesuits in Jordan.

Since 1987, a community of Jesuits from the New England Province has offered spirituality programs and lay leadership development to the Christian community at the Jesuit Center and has pastored the English-speaking parish, Sacred Heart, which serves many overseas workers, in Amman, Jordan. The Jesuit Center also hosts the office for the Jesuit Refugee Service in Jordan. JRS serves Iraqi and Syrian refugees and other displaced people with distance learning and other programs.

“Seeing the Holy Father in Amman and concelebrating Mass along with Fr. Michael Linden, SJ, and Fr. John Predmore, SJ, was a great experience, both spiritually and as a sign of the Holy Father’s solidarity with the Christians of the Middle East.”

– Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ



Left to right: Fr. Michael Linden, SJ, superior of the Jesuits in Jordan, Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, provincial of the New England Province, Fr. John Predmore, SJ, pastor at Sacred Heart Parish, Fr. Jad Jabbour, SJ, country director JRS Lebanon and Youssef Abdel Nour, chaplain at University St. Joseph, Beirut arrive at the Papal Mass.



Photo courtesy of Jordan Times

Fr. John Predmore, SJ, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Amman distributed Communion to one of the 1,400 children who received their First Communion during the Mass celebrated by Pope Francis at Amman International Stadium on May 24, 2014.



Youssef Abdel Nour, chaplain at University St. Joseph, Beirut, Fr. Jad Jabbour, SJ, country director JRS Lebanon and Dan Corrou, SJ, a Jesuit from the New England Province who is studying in Beirut, Lebanon



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Suppression & Restoration of the Society of Jesus



John Carroll, SJ



Lorenzo Ricci, SJ



Catherine the Great



Stanislaus Czerniewicz, SJ



Pope Pius VII

Pain of the Society's Suppression Gives Way to Hope of Restoration

By Fr. Thomas Rochford, SJ

Gives Way to Hope of Restoration

In January, Pope Francis, the first Jesuit pontiff, celebrated Mass at the Church of the Gesù in Rome, beginning a yearlong commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Pope Pius VII's restoration of the Society of Jesus on August 7, 1814. The story of the Society's suppression and restoration is not well-known as Jesuits were reluctant to revive this painful memory. Father General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, however, has encouraged the Society to learn from its history.

"I pray that our grateful commemoration of this 200th anniversary of the Society's reestablishment might be blessed with a deeper appropriation of our way of life and a more creative, generous and joyful commitment to give our lives in service for the greater glory of God," he said in a letter to Jesuits. "We wish to understand and appreciate our past better so that we may go forward into the future with 'renewed fervor and zeal' for our life and mission today."

Multiple factors led up to the papal decree suppressing the Society. Monarchs in many European states were suspicious of the political and economic influence the Society of Jesus had acquired. Jesuit preaching following the Lisbon earthquake in 1755 caused mistrust with the Portuguese government. Some enemies of the Jesuits criticized them for being too lax in the confessional and too respectful of cultures in mission lands. Philosophers of the 18th-century French Enlightenment disdained Jesuits as defenders of a Catholic Church opposed to progress. Portuguese leaders resented the Jesuits for defending indigenous people in South America against their efforts to make them slaves.

The government in Portugal struck first in 1758, deporting Jesuits from all Portuguese territories to the Papal States. In 1762, the parliament of Paris dissolved the Society. Five years later, more than 5,000 Jesuits were expelled from Spain and its possessions in Latin America. They were awakened in the middle of the night and forced to leave

everything and walk to port cities to be shipped in exile to the Papal States.

Educated by the Jesuits, Pope Clement XIV, was a staunch defender of the Society. During his pontificate, the governments of Spain, France and Portugal mounted a steady campaign to force Pope Clement XIV to suppress the Jesuits. Before his death in February 1769, the pope gave into the pressure.

On the evening of Aug. 16, 1773, a papal representative accompanied by a small group of soldiers arrived at the Jesuit Curia in Rome, summoned Father General Lorenzo Ricci and his assistants and presented him with a document, *Dominus ac Redemptor* (Our Lord and Redeemer) that abolished the Society's Constitutions and the authority of its superiors and closed all Jesuit schools, parishes and apostolic works.

The devastation was immediate. More than 700 Jesuit schools were closed, their libraries seized and their churches surrendered. Overseas missions were ruined, and more than 22,000 Jesuits lost their identity and legal

standing in the eyes of the Church. Those who survived being deported had to fend for themselves.

Soldiers returned to Fr. Ricci's residence a few days later and led him away to Castel Sant'Angelo, the Vatican fortress and prison, where he was placed in a dank cell, forbidden to celebrate Mass and subjected to harsh conditions that led to his death on Nov. 24, 1775.

The enemies of the Society of Jesus were not completely successful, however. For the suppression to take effect according to Church law, *Dominus ac Redemptor* had to be promulgated by the bishop of each diocese where Jesuits lived and worked. Catherine the Great of Russia valued the Jesuit schools in her lands and would not permit that to happen.

The Jesuits in Russia were in a quandary because they thought they were bound to obey the pope, but Catherine insisted they obey the law that said, "No promulgation, no suppression."

From his headquarters at the college in Polotsk, Belarusia, the only surviving Jesuit superior, Fr. Stanislaus Czerniewicz, oversaw the ongoing life of a small band of Jesuits who survived the total destruction the Society's enemies had planned. The Jesuits' legal position was precarious, but the pope did not

general congregations met there, and a novitiate was opened. Recruits from Western Europe made their way to Polotsk.

Not long after he himself was freed in 1814 from a lengthy imprisonment by Napoleon, Pope Pius VII restored the Jesuits by issuing *Sollicitudo Omnium Ecclesiarum* (The Care of all Churches), a papal bull that formally reauthorized the Society of Jesus. Four decades after most of its enemies thought it dead and buried, the Society of Jesus rose again.

By then, few "suppressed" Jesuits had survived. Some became diocesan priests while others formed new orders or pursued secular careers. In the U.S., former Jesuit John Carroll, a native Marylander educated in Europe, returned to begin a career that led to his appointment as the first bishop in the country. The first diocese was established in Baltimore in 1789.

Before the suppression, most Jesuits were French, Spanish, Portuguese or German. After the restoration, Jesuits found a more tolerant welcome in the expanding British Empire and the growing United States than in many countries with a Catholic heritage.

Slowly, the Society of Jesus grew in numbers as new provinces developed. Most of the property that was lost in Europe was never returned, but Jesuit schools and institutions in the United States flourished.

In 1833, the Maryland Mission became the first full-fledged province in the country. Some fifty years later the responsibility for the American section of the New York-Canada mission was given

to the Maryland Province and renamed the Maryland-New York Province. The subsequent growth of ministries and numbers of Jesuits led to the New



EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Events in United States marking the restoration of the Society of Jesus include a speakers' bureau with Jesuit and lay collaborators. Speakers include Jesuit Fathers Tom Lucas, Mark Lewis, Gerald McKeivitt, John Padberg and Thomas Worcester and Drs. Emmett Curran of Georgetown University, Robert Maryks of Boston College and Jonathan Wright of Durham University in the United Kingdom.

The Boston College conference, "Jesuit Survival and Restoration: 200th Anniversary Perspectives from Boston and Macau," took place June 11-15, and examined aspects of the history of the restoration in east-central Europe/Russia, China and the United States. Loyola University Chicago's conference, "Restored Jesuits and the American Experience," will be held October 16-19.

England Province in 1926 and the New York Province in 1942.

In a letter to the Society of Jesus announcing the 200th anniversary, Father General suggests "Faith in Providence" as one of the themes of this commemoration.

"As we look to this milestone in our history as a Society, let us humbly thank God that our least Society continues to exist today: that in the Society, we continue to find a path to God in the spirituality of St. Ignatius; that we continue to grow from the support and challenge of our brothers in community; that we still experience the privilege and joy of serving the Church and the world, especially those most in need, through our ministries."

Fr. Thomas Rochford, SJ, is provincial assistant for communications for the new Jesuits USA Central and Southern Province.



Pius VII gives the bull *Sollicitudo Omnium* to Vicar General Luigi Fortis, August 7th, 1814.

press compliance and pressure let up.

In 1782, a general congregation met in Polotsk and elected Czerniewicz vicar-general. Over time, three more

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Chris with his parents
at his graduation from
St. Louis University



A Blessing... For All of Us

Terry Ryan, the mother of Chris Ryan, a Jesuit in formation, talks about her son's vocation to the priesthood and her work as volunteer coordinator of the Villiger Guild, a group in Philadelphia comprised of family members and friends of the Jesuits.

Q: *God gives each of us a vocation and has blessed us with certain abilities and talents. Some of us are called to be married or single. Others are called to the priesthood or to religious life. When were you aware of Chris' call to the priesthood?*

A: I felt Chris might have a vocation since the time he was in grammar school, but I kept my thoughts to myself. After receiving his First Communion he became an altar server, an activity he continued well into his teenage years. He attended Mass many mornings during high school before classes began, and as he grew in age, I also saw him grow in spirituality. One day, during his

junior year in college, we were talking in the kitchen and he said, "Mom, I'm thinking about becoming a priest." I will never forget the look of pure joy on his face. I was thrilled. I asked him why he was considering a religious vocation, and his answer was simple...he felt called by God. He felt drawn to the Jesuits because of the inspiration of the administrators, teachers and coaches he saw while attending St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia. Chris attended a "Come and See" event sponsored by the Jesuit vocation office and was put in touch with Fr. John Mullen, SJ, for spiritual direction; he made the decision to enter the Society after he graduated from Dartmouth College in 2004.

Q: *Was Chris' dad happy about the news?*

A: Frank is happier now. When Chris first mentioned his vocation, Frank was surprised, and not sure it would be the best use of his talents and abilities. Over time, we have learned more about the Jesuits and the extent of their ministries. Frank has witnessed how much Chris has grown and matured from the direc-



Chris with his sister Elizabeth at her First Communion

tion he received during his formation and he has become more comfortable with Chris' decision.

Q: *How have you experienced Jesuit community?*

A: Whenever we visit Chris, we are warmly welcomed by his current Jesuit community. We are invited to share meals and attend Mass in their residences, and offered a guest room if one is available. This has allowed us to get truly acquainted with many of Chris' Jesuit brothers. We have also enjoyed attending the Jesuit GALA



Chris and his parents with Fr. William Stempsey, SJ, at the Jesuit GALA

(in Boston) for a number of years. It is a wonderful evening and provides an opportunity for us to interact with many of the Jesuits who have been a part of Chris' formation. When Chris entered the Society, Fr. Joe Lingan, SJ, said that we had just gained a new family, and his words have certainly rung true.

Q: *How have you experienced Ignatian Spirituality?*

A: A few years ago I decided to participate in a weekend retreat at Wernersville. Even though I knew that Chris' retreats were always silent, I did

not realize that the Jesuits applied the same rigors to the laity! After I got over the shock of being told I could not speak to anyone for two days, I slowly adjusted to what I was being guided to do by our retreat leaders. It was a wonderful experience. By the end of the weekend, I realized what a gift the silence had been. It allowed me to focus on my prayer, and nothing else, and taught me that prayer can take many forms.

Q: *Tell us about the Villiger Guild.*

A: I am the volunteer coordinator for the Villiger Guild, a Philadelphia-based group comprised of families and friends of Jesuits. My husband and I were introduced to the organization when we met Fr. Harry Geib, SJ, at the celebration following Chris' profession of first vows. His parents are very active in the

Guild, and he invited us to contact them and become involved. We meet twice a year, gathering in the spring for a Communion brunch and in the fall for a wine and cheese party. Our events begin with a celebration of Mass, followed by a social, part of which is spent sharing stories and updates about the Jesuits in our lives. They offer an informal way for those who attend to meet the parents and loved ones of Jesuits, people with whom they have a shared interest. It's not that common these days to have a son or daughter in religious life. Some parents struggle to accept the decision

God is sending us quality men with vocations of depth. Chris is a perfect example. He has the intelligence, the reflective ability and the generous nature needed of a Jesuit today. He has continued to stretch himself and grow into a fine man for others. Mrs. Ryan has served as a gentle and generous guide and supporter of Chris' journey and has grown to embrace Chris' vocation as he prepares for his priestly ordination. As volunteer coordinator of the Villiger Guild she also has cared for other parents of Jesuits of the Philadelphia area as they grow into their son's vocation journey. Parents truly serve as an instrument of God's grace and function as the first Church. Clearly, Chris' generosity and his mother's gentle love and committed faith have been a continued source of revelation of God's plan. Thanks be to God.

— Fr. Chuck Frederico, SJ, vocation director for the Maryland, New England, and New York Provinces of the Society of Jesus.

made by their son. It is helpful, enjoyable, and interesting to be in the company of others who are walking through life with a close Jesuit relative or friend. We learn from each other, and support one another. We are so happy to be able to share our belief that Chris has found what God has meant for him to do. It's been a blessing... for all of us.

Nurturing the Spirit of *Generosity*



In his desk drawer at the New York Province offices on 83rd Street, Fr. James Keenan, SJ, keeps a small black book which he frequently consults but rarely speaks about.

“Many people who support the Jesuits share so generously in other aspects of their lives.”

– Fr. James Keenan, SJ

The book is a hand-written record of the marriages, anniversaries and baptisms he has celebrated for relatives, Jesuit graduates, friends and supporters during the 58 years since he entered the Society of Jesus. In all, Fr. Keenan has presided over more than 600 marriages and nearly an equal number of other sacraments that have enabled so many people to lead richer lives, to grow in the Spirit and to become more fully Catholic.

Fr. Keenan has dedicated his life to putting the ideals of St. Ignatius into practice, serving lengthy tenures as president of Xavier High School, McQuaid Jesuit High School, Canisius High School and Saint Peter’s Preparatory School, as well as the New York City Nativity Schools. Along the way, he has left his indelible mark, ministering with a selfless sense of compassion and love, and providing pastoral support to all he encounters. In 2008, Fr. Keenan joined the province staff, extending his personal, caring presence to the Society’s supporters and helping them see the clear connections between their generosity and the many needs of the Province.

“Quite simply, Jim Keenan is an outstanding priest, and all he does and all he is springs from his priesthood,” said Jack Raslowsky, Xavier High School’s president

and longtime friend. “In many ways, he embodies the ideals that Pope Francis envisions for priests today—a generous, selfless servant ministering by his presence and his care—in notes, calls, hospital visits, home Masses and through countless celebrations.”

As director of donor relations, Fr. Keenan corresponds with monthly donors in the Jesuit Good Samaritan Club, sends gift acknowledgements and fundraising letters and provides vital help in editing province publications. From the moment he finishes his morning commute and arrives at work (traveling via public transportation from the Xavier Jesuit Community on 16th Street), his phone rings with calls from friends and province supporters who know him as a dear friend, a cherished loved one, the family priest or lifetime spiritual advisor.

“It’s the people who make the job,” Fr. Keenan said. “Many people who support the Jesuits share so generously in other aspects of their lives. So many tell me that they want to do more for others, and it is a tremendous gift to be able to listen to them and help them live out their faith and grow closer to Christ.”



Fr. Leo J. O'Donovan, SJ:

A commitment to Jesuit education celebrated



◀ Far left: Senator Patrick Leahy, John DeGioia, president, Georgetown University, Fr. O'Donovan, SJ, and Jeanne Ruesch

◀ Left: Jesuit Frs. Peter Folan and Leo O'Donovan talk with GU graduate, Robert Cushmac

The beloved prayer offered by generations of Jesuits begins: *Lord, teach me to be generous*. This past spring, friends of Fr. Leo O'Donovan, SJ, commemorated his 80th birthday by generously establishing a fund in his honor for the education of future Jesuits. To thank Leo for the significant role he has played in the lives of so many, his friends celebrated this important milestone in a meaningful way. More than twice the goal amount was donated to prepare, support and educate aspiring Jesuits on their journey of formation.

The Leo J. O'Donovan, SJ, Fund recognizes his vocation and devotion to the Church and the Society of Jesus. From his entrance into the Society of Jesus in 1957, the centerpiece of Leo's life has been serving as a priest and educator. His studies, scholarship, and leadership have all been for that purpose. The fund creates a legacy for all future Jesuits who will continue to be inspired by him and his Jesuit brothers.

The path for Jesuit formation spans approximately a decade. On this journey, each Jesuit is fully supported by his home province. The costs for education, housing and other expenses total close to \$500,000. Since the election of Pope Francis, the Society of Jesus has seen an increase in the number of men considering becoming a Jesuit. The timing of Leo's 80th birthday was propitious.

Thanks to the graciousness of many friends, Leo was feted at two events over two days. On April 24, a group of 80 guests from around the country gathered at the home of David and Lisa Schiff in Manhattan to toast this native New Yorker. Having grown up in Morningside Heights, with his spiritual roots in Corpus Christi Church and School, the guest of honor felt right at home "on the sidewalks of New York."

On April 26, President John DeGioia of Georgetown University, hosted a festive dinner in Leo's honor; Leo is president emeritus and member of the Class of 1956. The celebration, fittingly held in the Leo J. O'Donovan Dining Hall, was attended by nearly two hundred friends, classmates, and faculty. The event culminated with Mass concelebrated in the beautifully renovated Dahlgren Chapel with Fr. Kevin O'Brien, SJ, Georgetown's vice president for mission and ministry. Humbled by the outpouring of friendship and love, Leo commented, in his imitable way, "I'm so grateful for the funds raised for our young men."

For more information about the Leo J. O'Donovan, SJ, Fund for Jesuit Education, please contact Sherri Weil, director of advancement for the Maryland Province Jesuits at sweil@jesuits.org or 443-921-1331.

To say that the Spirit of God teaches us to see again and to hope to see wholly is not to claim completion. I find myself, at 80, each year happier and more blessed to be a Jesuit priest—but journeying still. This too: beauty is always fresh, new, surprising. And if a patient God has made our time God's own, and our suffering God's own, then how can we not hope that in today's liturgy indeed but one day finally and forever, God's Spirit will teach each of us the most beautiful words of all: Take me. I am yours.

— Fr. Leo J. O'Donovan, SJ



Sant' Andrea Society Celebrates 71st Charity Ball

By Fr. Bernard McIlhenny, SJ

When Kathy Mihok, the president of the Sant' Andrea Society in Scranton, Penn., was searching for a theme for the annual gala, the scene of the Roaring Twenties portrayed in F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel caught her attention. As a result, *Gatsby* and *All Things Jazz* came to life at this year's 71st annual Sant' Andrea Charity Ball. An antique car from the Gatsby era parked at the entrance set the tone for the evening. The menu reflected the times with such items as a Waldorf salad and oysters Rockefeller. The charity event was held on April 26.

From its humble beginnings seventy-one years ago, membership in the Sant' Andrea Society has multiplied many times over. The membership is unique and includes family and friends who support the Society of Jesus. Many have a son, relative or friend who is a Jesuit. Much family tradition is involved. Mothers and daughters are often seen working side-by-side as well as graduates of our Jesuit high schools and colleges. All are attracted by the ideals of dedication and service. They are truly a group of men and women for others.

The Sant' Andrea Society was founded in 1943, during World War II. Fr. Coleman Nevils, SJ, served as the first Jesuit president of the Univer-



Pictured, from left: Alyce Hailstone Farrell, two friends of the Society and Fr. Malloy, SJ, vice president for university ministries at the University of Scranton

sity of Scranton at the time and together with Mrs. P.F. Cusick and her friends, they created the Sant' Andrea Society.

The name Sant' Andrea (St. Andrew) was taken from the name of the Sant' Andrea novitiate in Italy. Since its inception, one of the missions of the Sant' Andrea Society has been to generate support for the education of Jesuit seminarians.

Once a novice enters the Society of Jesus, his care and training is provided for through the support of many benefactors. The Sant' Andreans, thanks to the strong dedication to their mission, have become one of these devoted benefactors. Over the years they

have distinguished themselves by supporting one of the largest funds of the Maryland Province.

In addition to supporting Jesuit formation with the annual charity ball, the Sant' Andrea Society was also formed to provide spiritual and social activities for its members.

A dinner to welcome new officers takes place each October. Mass is celebrated in November on the feast of St. Andrew, the society's patron saint. Early in the season of Lent, there is a special day of recollection for all the members and in late summer an appreciation luncheon is held for past presidents. The Society also continues the tradition of honoring a person for their service to the society with the *Mark T. McGrath Award for Service*.

Fr. Bernard McIlhenny, SJ, serves in pastoral ministry at the University of Scranton, and as the twelfth moderator of the Sant' Andrea Society, was presented with the *Mark T. McGrath Award*.

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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Annual Jesuit GALA Celebration



Fr. James Martin, SJ, John Fish, chair of the 2014 GALA, Kathleen McGillicuddy, honoree, and Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ



Friends gather for the 2014 Jesuit GALA



Fr. Charles Connolly, SJ, with Peter and Dana Agnes



Margaret and Mary Power

More than 800 friends and Jesuits joined the New England Province of the Society of Jesus to celebrate the works of the province and honor Kathleen M. McGillicuddy with the *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* Award at the annual Jesuit GALA held on May 1. The Latin phrase, *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, meaning “For the greater glory of God,” is attributed to St. Ignatius, and is a guiding principle of the Jesuits. The annual award recognizes those who have made a difference in the world by generously helping others. The evening, which began and ended with songs from Irish tenor, Ronan Tynan, was hosted by Fr. James Martin, SJ, author and editor-at-large at *America* magazine.

Kathleen M. McGillicuddy, a graduate of Newton College of the Sacred Heart (which became part of Boston College in 1975), has served as a trustee of Boston College since

2002, and was elected chair in 2011. She retired as executive vice president of FleetBoston Financial and for nearly 30 years was a key executive in Boston banking circles.

Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, provincial

of the New England Province, said in his remarks, “I want to express my appreciation and gratitude to Kathleen McGillicuddy. She has embodied collaboration with the Society in a number of ways: as chair of the board of trustees at Boston College, as founder of the Boston College Council for Women, and as a close collaborator with the Jesuits at Boston College. For all of this, and for your great kindness and generosity, Kathleen, thank you very much.”

Fr. Sheehan also expressed his gratitude to John and Cyndy Fish, the generous and tireless chairs of the 2014 GALA, and to all of the GALA committee members who worked so hard to ensure the success of the event.

The 2014 Jesuit GALA raised more than \$1.6 million, which will support the formation and care of Jesuits and the ministries and apostolic works of the Province.

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(Clockwise from top left): Fr. Michael Magree, SJ, gives a first blessing after ordination; Mr. Pat Nolan, SJ, teaches at Yap Catholic High School in Micronesia; Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, serves as an astronomer at the Vatican Observatory; Fr. Steve Surovick, SJ, with students at Gonzaga College H.S., Washington, D.C.



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